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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Alan E. Shluzas  
Appl. No. : 10/075668  
Filed : February 13, 2002  
For : APPARATUS FOR  
CONNECTING A  
LONGITUDINAL MEMBER TO  
A BONE PORTION  
Examiner : A. Ramana  
Group Art Unit : 3732

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 25, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits the following claim amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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entry approved J. [Signature] 11/15/05